

*RESOLUTION NUMBER 145*

*WHEREAS*, each year prisoners are released back into society without access to immediate supervision and/or support; and

*WHEREAS*, these individuals face a multitude of problems including homelessness, a lack of job opportunities, educational deficits, mental health issues and little or no connection to their families and communities; and

*WHEREAS*, for prisoner reentry to succeed reintegration must be emphasized as soon as a prisoner enters a correctional institution with special attention being given to the prisoner's specific risk factors; and

*WHEREAS*, programs must be implemented on the federal and state level to help fund community based intervention and treatment programs focusing on the issues of housing, job opportunities and training, healthcare and education; and

*WHEREAS*, successful programs must include a wide spectrum of participants, including correction officials, probation and parole officers, families, healthcare specialists and former offenders who can serve as valuable mentors;

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED* by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we support and encourage the implementation and funding of programs designed to assist federal and state prisoners reenter society and we direct the Clerk of this Board to send a copy of this Resolution to the Missouri Congressional Delegation to encourage their commitment to this important national, state and local issue.

Introduced on the 27th day of October, 2006 by:

**Honorable Gregory J. Carter, Alderman 27th Ward**

Adopted this the 27th day of October, 2006 as attested:

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Patrick J. Connaghan  
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

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President, Board of Aldermen